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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PROPOSED WORLD AIRWAYS CHARTERS

REF: WARSAW 2196 AND WARSAW 2061

1. ACCORDING WASHINGTON REP, WORLD AIRWAYS WOULD BE HAPPY
TO ADJUST ARRIVAL TIME TO AVOID CONGESTION, BUT CANNOT
ACCEPT 190-PASSENGER LIMITATION. WORLD DOES NOT HAVE 707S
AND DOES NOT WISH TO FLY ITS STRETCH DC-8S EMPTY, PRESUMA-
BLY BECAUSE CHARTER TICKET PRICES ARE BASED ON FULL PLANE-
LOAD ECONOMICS. WORLD WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE PASSENGERS
DEPLANE IN TWO GROUPS, AS SUGGESTED WARSAW 2061, AS IT DOES
IN MANY U.S. AIRPORTS. HAS THIS ALTERNATIVE BEEN FULLY
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EXPLORED WITH POLES?

2. WORLD REP HUGHES HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ENTER INTO
PERSONAL CONTACT WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES.

3. FYI. WORLD, AND NATIONAL AIR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION, FIND
190 FIGURE SUSPECT AS ENTIRELY TOO CONVENIENT TO PANAM AND

LOT, WHICH FLY AIRCRAFT OF THAT SIZE, WHILE SUPPLEMENTALS
FLY SOMEWHAT LARGER EQUIPMENT. THEY ALSO FIND IT HARD TO
BELIEVE THAT OKECIE AIRPORT IS EQUALLY CONGESTED AT ALL

HOURS AND THAT STAGED DEPLANING WOULD NOT BE AN ACCEPTA-
BLE ALTERNATIVE. THEY CLAIM THAT TOUR ORGANIZER, WHILE
PREFERING TO DEAL WITH WORLD, HAS GIVEN WORLD ONLY A

RELATIVELY SMALL PACKAGE BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT SUPPLE-
MENTALS WILL NEVER SUCCEED IN GETTING LANDING RIGHTS. IF
SATISFACTORY SOLUTION IS NOT WORKED OUT, AND POLES DO NOT
FULLY JUSTIFY 190-PASSENGER CUT-OFF, NACA AND ITS MEMBERS
MAY BE EXPECTED TO VIGOROUSLY PUT FORWARD VIEW THAT POLES
HAVE NOT LIVED UP TO AGREEMENT AND THAT RETALIATION IS
IN ORDER. END FYI.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DATA PROMISED IN PARA 5 OF
WARSAW 2061. WHAT AIRCRAFT WERE THE FRENCH REFUSED PER-
MISSION TO USE? INFORMATION ON OKECIE'S UTILIZATION BY
SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT WOULD ALSO BE MOST HELPFUL. DOES
EMBASSY HAVE ANY DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF CONDITIONS AT THE
AIRPORT WHICH WOULD SHED LIGHT ON THE GENUINENESS OF THE
POLISH STAND? (DEPT. DOES NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPT WORLD'S
CHARGES OF DISCRIMINATION, BUT NEEDS ADDITIONAL INFORMA-
TION IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EITHER SUPPORT OR REFUTE
THEM.)

5. FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION: SINCE FOREGOING WAS DRAFTED
DEPT. HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT POLES HAVE INDICATED THAT
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THEY WILL ACCEPT WORLD'S DC-8S IF WORLD WILL BEAR THE
EXTRA COSTS (APPARENTLY PRIMARILY FOR CUSTOMS PERSONNEL)
INCURRED IN DEALING WITH A PASSENGER LOAD LARGER THAN
180 PERSONS. WORLD INTENDS TO INFORM THE POLES IN WARSAW
ON MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, THAT IT WILL ACCEPT THE CON-
DITION. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH
BOTH PARTIES TO EXTENT FEASIBLE, AND USING ITS GOOD
OFFICES AS APPROPRIATE TO HELP IN RESOLVING PROBLEM ON
THIS BASIS.
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